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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, HAUGHTON
FIELD, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Haughton Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A.
2. To create one (1) drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such unit being designated CV RA SUA and being shown on the attached plat.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate an Operator of, and unit well for, the proposed unit as may be appropriate.
5. To provide that future wells drilled to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, be located in accordance with the well spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E (LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq.).
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, by Supplemental Order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such a reclassification be warranted based on evidence furnished to the Commissioner.
7. To define the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, as the stratigraphic equivalent of that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 8,098 feet and 9,640 feet, electric log measurements, in the Hunt Petroleum Corp.--USA B No. 8 Well (SN 222317), located in Section 25, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

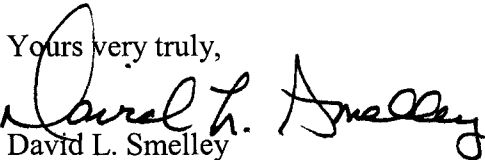
Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated February 25, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set March 18, 2005, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. While requests for the pre-application conference were received, those requests were subsequently withdrawn; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

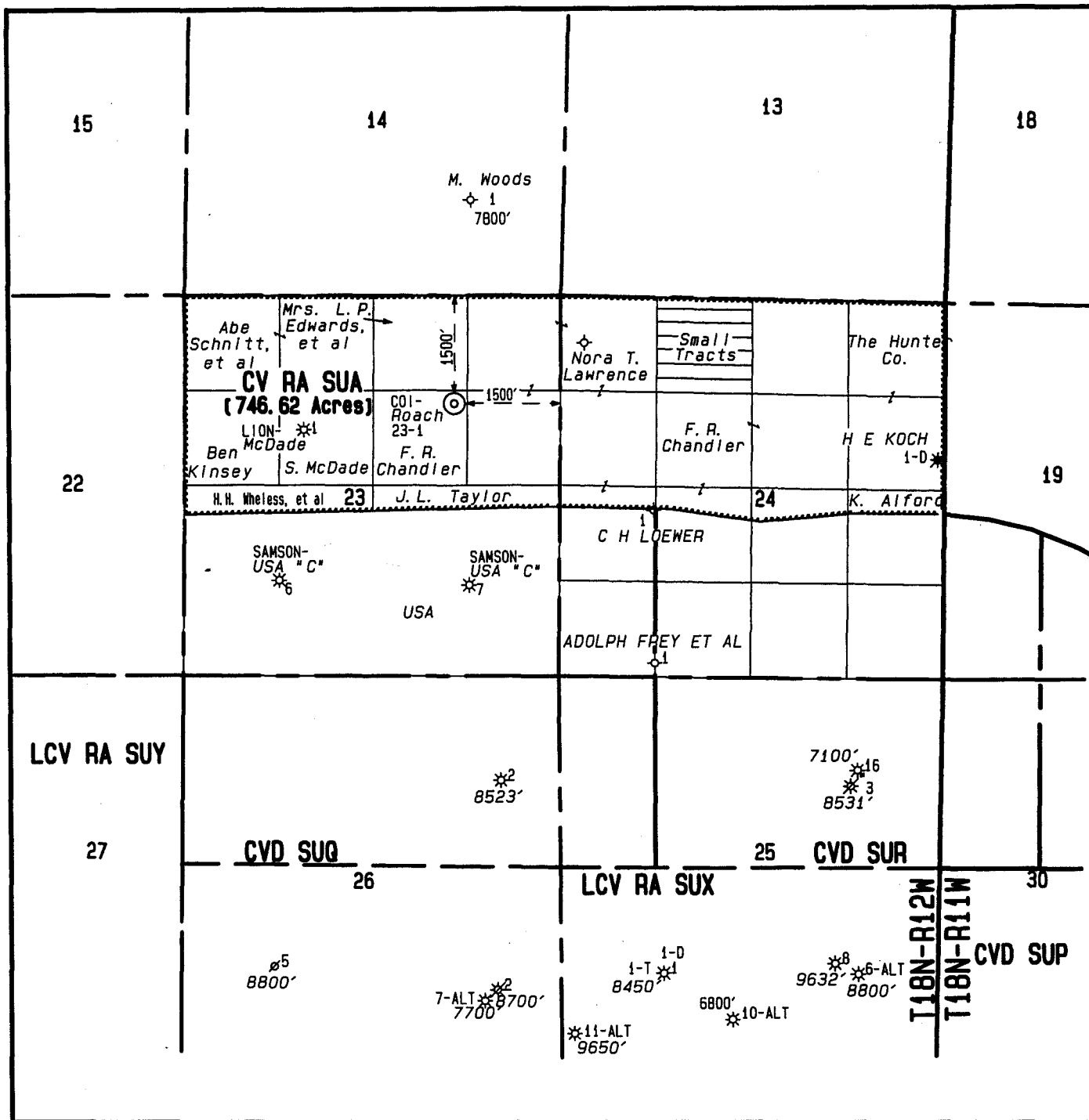
Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Haughton Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley
-- Attorney for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Les Rodman (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



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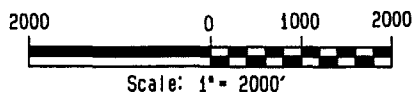
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phone 337-237-2200 fax 337-232-3299

— EXISTING CVD (SL160) UNITS

— EXISTING LCV (SL160) UNITS

— PROPOSED UNIT

⊙ DENOTES PROPOSED UNIT WELL



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**ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC

**WELLS LESS THAN 6000' ARE NOT SHOWN

Docket No. 05 Exhibit

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING INC.

Haughton Field

Bossier Parish, Louisiana

UNIT PROPOSAL

COTTON VALLEY ZONE

WITNESS:
DATE: